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SUBJECT: EC COMMISSION VP SIMONET IN US MAY 13-16

REF: EC BRUSSELS 3980

1. SUMMARY: SIMONET PLANS TO BE IN THE US FROM MAY 13-16, LARGELY FOR SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS AND PANEL DISCUSSIONS. HE WOULD APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY FOR TALKS WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARIES HARTMAN AND ENDERS DURING HIS VISIT. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE INFORM BY END OF THIS WEEK WHETHER APPOINTMENTS ARE POSSIBLE. END SUMMARY.

2. WE HAVE LEARNED FROM VANDEN ABEELE OF THE CABINET OF EC COMMISSION VICE PRESIDENT SIMONET THAT SIMONET'S US TRIP MAY 13-16 (REFTEL) INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS:

(A) TUESDAY, MAY 13 - ARRIVAL WASHINGTON MID MORNING. LUNCH FOLLOWED BY PANEL DISCUSSION ON US-EUROPEAN RELATIONS SPONSORED BY JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY AND THE ATLANTIC COUNCIL.

(B.) EVENING MAY 13 - SIMONET WILL BE IN NEW YORK.

(C.) WEDNESDAY, MAY 14 - NOON MEETING AT NATIONAL PRESS CLUB. AFTERNOON OPEN.

(D.) THURSDAY, MAY 15 - SCHEDULE DURING THE DAY IS OPEN AT PRESENT. EVENING, GUEST SPEAKER AT DINNER SPONSORED BY NATIONAL ENERGY FORUM ON THE SUBJECT "ENERGY IN EUROPE."

(E.) FRIDAY, MAY 16 - OPEN. WE ARE UNCERTAIN OF
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DEPARTURE SCHEDULE.

3. VANDEN ABEELE HAS ASKED OUR ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING APPOINTMENTS FOR SIMONET WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARIES ENDERS AND HARTMAN. HE SUGGESTS THE DEPARTMENT SEEK THESE APPOINTMENTS FOR WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON MAY 14, OR ANYTIME ON THURSDAY MAY 15. SIMONET WILL BE LEAVING BRUSSELS ON SUNDAY MAY 11 AND WOULD APPRECIATE ANY CONFIRMATION WE CAN GIVE HIM PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE. SINCE BOTH MAY 8 AND 9 ARE LOCAL HOLIDAYS WE SUGGEST ANY DEVELOPMENTS BE PASSED TO WILLIAM NEWLIN OF USEC, AT HOME (TELEPHONE NUMBER 374.20.94). NEWLIN WILL RELAY THEM TO VANDEN ABEELE.

4. FYI: WE UNDERSTAND SIMONET HAS ASKED THE EC COMMISSION'S WASHINGTON OFFICE TO ARRANGE A MEETING WITH WORLD BANK PRESIDENT MCNAMARA. END FYI.-- MYERSON

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